
Stephen E. Mitchell



Technical Director, Naval Surface Warfare Center Naval Sea Systems Command

Mr. Stephen E. Mitchell currently leads eight Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Divisions located across the United States, with approximately 15,000 employees. He is responsible for ensuring that the Fleet, the Joint Forces, U.S. Allies, Program Managers and other customers receive systems engineered technical products supporting acquisition programs as well as support for in-service systems.

Mr. Mitchell entered the Senior Executive Service in November 2002. He has a total of 41 years of civilian service.

From October 2003 to March 2007, Mr. Mitchell served as the Ordnance Product Area Director and Warfare Center S&T Executive, Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA), NSWC. He was responsible for Energetics and Ordnance programs and infrastructure for NAVSEA's Warfare Centers. He also had oversight of the Warfare Center S&T processes and strategic planning.

From November 2002 to September 2003, Mr. Mitchell was the Executive Director, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Indian Head Division (IHDIV). The focus of his tenure as Executive Director was on building collaboration between the Navy laboratories in order to sustain the Navy's core capability in the militarily unique area of Energetics, workforce development, and reengineering of business and technical processes to reduce costs and cycle times.

From April 1994 to November 2002, Mr. Mitchell was the Chief Scientist/Engineer and Deputy Director, IHDIV. He provided oversight of all technical programs executed by the Division. He also led the transition of Division from manufacturing to an engineering focus that included state-of-the-art research capability in energetics. He led modifications of business processes to improve service to customers and significantly reduced cost of operations. In 2001 he was promoted to the Senior Scientific Technical Manager executive position as IHDIV's Deputy Director.

From November 1991 to April 1994, Mr. Mitchell was the Head, Manufacturing Technology Department, IHDIIV. He led an organization of 150 scientists, engineers, and technicians responsible for research and development, scale up and characterization of energetic materials, propulsion sub-systems, and warheads for Navy and other Department of Defense Customers.

Mr. Mitchell graduated from the Rose Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, Indiana with a bachelor's of science degree in chemistry.

Mr. Mitchell's awards include the 2006 Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executive, the Navy's Superior and Meritorious Civilian Service Awards, the Dr. George W. Patterson Award for Technical Excellence, and the U. S. Army R&D Award.

Other achievements of Mr. Mitchell include the development of a family of low vulnerability ammunition gun propellants, solventless propellants for use in gun propelling charges and cartridge actuated devices, and new propelling charges for several Navy gun systems.

Mr. Mitchell has authored and co-authored 38 technical papers and reports.